



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
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**RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 9, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed March 31, 2009, the period of response to which is set to expire on May 9, 2009, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for two months. A Request for Continued Examination is respectfully submitted herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: